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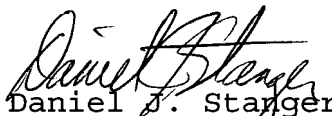
Sir:

It is respectfully requested that a three-month Extension of Time, to and including January 18, 2001, be granted in which to respond to the Office Action dated July 18, 2000 in the above-identified application.

Our check including the amount of \$890.00 is attached in payment of the appropriate fee.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional payment due, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

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